

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1991 Goodwin, R.C., S.L. Sanders, A.L. Fehr, and M.T. Moran
Phase I and II Intensive Archeological Investigations of the James Drane House, Accident,
Garrett County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Town of Accident, Maryland

Library ID No: 00000378

Catalog/Shelving ID: GA 29

Research Firm/Institution:

R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
337 East Third Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Sites examined:

18GA303

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II ☒

Phase III

Project Justification:

This investigation was undertaken by R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc., on behalf of the Town of Accident, MD. The Town of Accident received financial assistance from the FY 1991 Maryland (non-capital) State Historic Preservation Grant Fund, administered by the Maryland Historical Trust, to conduct archeological investigations in connection with stabilization and preservation efforts at the Dran House. The Dran House is believed to be the oldest standing structure in Garrett County and is significant because of its association with early settlement, and for its architecture. Research was undertaken to aide in public interpretation.

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Project Objectives:

- Determine the location and nature of outbuildings formerly associated with the Dran House.
- Verify the existence and location of the outdoor oven at the site.
- Define the organization and use of yard space at the site and its changes in use over time.
- Document the configuration of the chimney at the west end of the structure.
- Verify the location of a chimney on the east end of the building.
- Determine the location and configuration of the front porch.
- Determine the dates of construction and of modification of the main structure, including the location of the original main entrance of the building.
- Interpret the archeological data to reflect changes in lifeways and delineate the effects of a frontier location on these lifeways.
- Determine changes in dietary practices through time.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18GA303.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Dzodin, J.S.
Limited Phase II/III Archaeological Investigations of the James Drane House (18GA303)
Chimney, Town of Accident, Garrett County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Town of Accident, Maryland

Library ID No: 00000386

Catalog/Shelving ID: GA 37

Research Firm/Institution:

GAI Consultants, Inc.
570 Beatty Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

Sites examined:

18GA303

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	These field investigations were conducted on October 27 and 28, 1993 and focused on a chimney foundation feature previously identified during archeological testing by R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates. The limited supplemental Phase II/III investigations were undertaken as part of the ongoing rehabilitation of the James Drane House and was conducted in association with the planned reconstruction of the now-collapsed west end gable chimney. The Maryland Historical Trust holds an historic preservation easement on the James Drane House and property and required the Town of Accident to conduct archeological investigations of the chimney, prior to its reconstruction.	-Completely expose the chimney foundation, in order to collect sufficient architectural data regarding its size, method of construction, and other construction details to assist in implementing an accurate chimney reconstruction.
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		-Mitigate the adverse effects of the proposed reconstruction on existing archeological resources.

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Research Potential:

The results of both the Phase I and II project by Goodwin and Associates (see above) and the Supplemental Phase II and Phase III project by GAI demonstrate that the Drane House site (18GA303) is a historically significant site with intact archeological components and tremendous research potential. Future archeological work at the site should be guided by public interpretation goals. As these two research projects have shown, there are several important stages/themes represented in the occupational debris at the site that could be explored further, both on a local and state level. Due to the intact nature of occupational debris and features, close monitoring of all future construction work by qualified archeologists was recommended by both project teams.
